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DNRC Testimony for SB 75

"Including Homeowner Responsibility to the State Fire Policy"

Introduction:

The existing state fire policy is a result of the HJ 10 work from the 2005 & 2007 Legislative sessions.

Through discussions with the interim Fire Suppression Committee, a clear message from the committee and members of the public is that each individual homeowner has a responsibility to maintain their property in a manner that will enable firefighters to be successful in the event of a fire.

> The addition of this statement to the state fire policy will not create any additional costs to property owners, nor will it cause any changes to DNRC fire policy or procedures.

> DNRC supports the inclusion of this statement in our state fire policy.

I'm available for any questions.

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